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For: **Irrigation Controller Using  
Regression Model**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Following is a clean copy of the claims amended herein:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An irrigation controller comprising:  
a memory that stores a regression model;  
a microprocessor that applies a current value for an environmental factor to the regression  
model to estimate a current evapotranspiration rate (estimated ETo); and  
a mechanism that uses the estimated ETo to affect an irrigation schedule executed by the  
controller.

REMARKS

This paper responds to rejections set forth in the International Preliminary Examination  
Report of PCT/US00/18705.

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